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LETTER DATED 20 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CROATIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

It is with utmost concern that I inform you about a severe artillery attack on the city of Osijek, which has inflicted heavy casualties and material damage. On 19 August 1995, at 1825 hours local time, Croatian Serb paramilitaries, with the assistance of the Novi Sad Corps of the Army of Yugoslavia, launched a terrorist attack on Osijek, from their positions in occupied Vukovar region (formerly known as Sector East) of the Republic of Croatia. Casualties include 3 killed and 10 wounded.

At the same time, shelling of the Croatian territory from the territory of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina continues, in spite of the reiterated warnings from my Government that the Republic of Croatia shall not tolerate such aggressive actions of the Bosnian Serb paramilitary forces. On 19 August 1995, 55 impacts were recorded in the Dubrovnik region.

Should the Serbian side continue with such indiscriminate attacks primarily aimed at civilians and non-military targets, my Government will be compelled to respond appropriately in order to disengage the attacking positions of the Serbian paramilitary forces on the occupied territory of the Republic of Croatia and on the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and in the latter case, acting in accordance with the Split Declaration of 22 July 1995 (S/1995/609).

May I ask for your kind assistance in distributing this letter as a document of the Security Council.

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